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SUBJECT: ECE: EASTERN EUROPEANS' POSITIONS AT THE SENIOR
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1. SOVIETS ATTEMPT TO PLAY DOWN IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL
ACTION IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT WAS EVIDENT IN NUMEROUS INTERVEN-
TIONS. SOVIETS TRIED TO LIMIT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM TO POLLU-
TION CONTROL AND CONSERVATION OF NATURE. THEY EXCLUDED ANY SOCIAL,
URBAN, OR RELATED TOPICS. EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NATIONAL RATHER
THAN INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN APPROPRIATE AREAS AND STRESSED
SECTORAL RATHER THAN OVERALL APPROACH IN FORMULATION OF GUIDE-

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LINES FOR ECE WORK PROGRAM AS WELL AS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS IN GENERAL. SOVIETS ALSO TRIED VERY HARD TO DELAY ANY SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS ON SHAPE OF WORK PROGRAM, SELECTION OF PRIORITIES AND ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL SUPPORT FROM CZECHS, SOVIETS ISOLATED EVEN AMONG EE'S AND WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM WE'S. IN FACT, OTHER EE'S, NOTABLY POLAND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED ECE ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD.

2. EAST GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN PRAGUE CONFERENCE FIRST ADVANCED BY CZECH VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SENIORS WHO WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF PRAGUE CONFERENCE. HE PROPOSED MEETING REQUEST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ISSUE FORMAL INVITATION TO GDR TO ATTEND PRAGUE CONFERENCE. THIS REJECTED BY MAJORITY INCLUDING SWEDES, ON GROUNDS THAT PRAGUE CONFERENCE BEING ORGANIZED AS UN/ECE CONFERENCE AND THAT UN/ECE PROCEDURAL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED, ALSO THAT POLITICAL ISSUE OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF EXPERTS' MEETING. CZECH REPRESENTATIVE THEN ANNOUNCED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD INVITE GDR REPRESENTATIVES ON ITS OWN AS GUESTS OF HOST GOVERNMENT, A PROCEDURE FREQUENTLY APPLIED AT ECE MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND ACCEPTED BY SECRETARIAT AND ALL WESTERN DELS. STATUS OF GUESTS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS DIFFERS FROM OBSERVER STATUS BY FACT THAT PRESENCE OF GUESTS ENTIRELY ON RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST, NOT INVOLVING ECE OR UN IN ANY WAY WHATEVER, PARTICULARLY NOT INVOLVING ANY KIND OF OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION. RULES STATED REF B WILL THEN APPLY.

3. BOTH EXEC SEC AND SOVIETS, IN PRIVATE TALKS, LINKED ECE ACTION ENVIRONMENT AND CES. STANOVNIK FEARS THAT SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DELAY DECISIONS ON ACTION-PROGRAM IN ECE MOTIVATED BY THEIR WISH TO PROMOTE CES PROGRAM ON ENVIRONMENT. LOCAL SOVIET REP EXPLICITLY CONFIRMED THIS TO MISOFF. GP-3
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